

REMARKS

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Advisory Action with a mailing date of 26 October 2006. Specifically, claims 10, 12, 14-16, 45, and 48-50 are indicated to be allowable. Claims 8, 43, and 49 have been amended; claims 9-10, 48, and 51-52 have been canceled, and claims 53-57 have been added. Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 10 and intervening dependent claim 9 – a combination indicated to be allowable in the Advisory Action. Accordingly, claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled. Independent claim 43 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 48 – a further combination indicated to be allowable in the Advisory Action. Accordingly claim 48 has been canceled and the reference of dependent claim 49 has been amended consistent with this change.

Independent claim 53 and corresponding dependent claims 54-57 have been added. Claim 53 combines the subject matter of claim 8 with claim 12 and intervening dependent claim 11. This combination was also indicated to be allowable in the Advisory Action. Dependent claims 54-57 are patterned after dependent claims 13-16. At least as many claims have been canceled in this amendment as the number of claims added, with one of the canceled claims and one of the added claims being of independent form.

In view of the forgoing, it is believed that claims 8, 11-16, 43-47, 49-50, and 53-57 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any unresolved matters.

Respectfully Submitted,



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